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SUBJ: CLOSE IN AIR DEFENSE

1. DURING THE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS ON IHAWK AND THE A-4 AIRCRAFT IT HAS BECOME QUITE CLEAR THAT IN ADDITION TO THE IHAWK AND A FIGHTER AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY, THE GOK IS INTERESTED IN A CLOSE IN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM, PREFERABLY ONE THAT IS LIGHTWEIGHT AND MOBILE. CURRENTLY THEY ARE CONSIDERING RAPIER AND A SWISS OERLIKON GUN. THEY ALSO HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFO ON THE SA-7 SUPPLIED BY THE EGYPTIANS (OPINION: LETHALITY OF WARHEAD POOR).

2. ONLY US EQUIPMENT OF THIS NATURE WITH WHICH DODREP IS FAMILIAR IS REDEYE AND THE VULCAN-PHALANX CIWS. THESE WEAPONS WOULD MEET THEIR NEEDS HOWEVER THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF, THESE WEAPONS IS RECOGNIZED.

3. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OR TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE OF REDEYE ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS WHEN VOLUNTEERED INFO WOULD CLEARLY HAVE BEEN APPRECIATED. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO WHAT THE US USES FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE SELECTION OF THIS TYPE SYSTEM. MORE QUESTIONS ON THE
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MISSILE ARE EXPECTED.

4. THE GOK HAS (FINALLY) SIGNED FOR IHAWK. ARE WE WILLING
TO COMPLETE THEIR AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE? IF SO THERE IS AN
EXCELLENT CHANCE THAT THEY WOULD SELECT THE U.S. SYSTEM.
REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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